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SUBJECT: GULF INTEREST IN SUA PAN SODA ASH PROJECT

DEPARTMENT PASS OPIC

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1. SAM PINTZ, SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER, MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND WATER AFFAIRS, HAS GIVEN US A STATUS REPORT OF THE SUA PAN SODA ASH PROJECT. THE MINISTRY HAS JUST RECEIVED A CABLE FROM GULF RESOURCES SAYING THAT HOLT WILL BE COMING TO BOTSWANA ETA 27 JANUARY (APPARENTLY WITHOUT ALLEN) FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS INCLUDING DETAILED DISCUSSIONS REGARDING SETTING UP A COMPANY HERE. CABLE IS INCOMPLETE AND IT MAY BE THAT A REFERENCE TO ALLEN WILL BE FOUND IN THE FULL CABLE WHEN ITS IS SERVICED. PINTZ HAS DISCUSSED A CALL BY ALLEN ON PRESIDENT KHAMA WITH OFFICIALS IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND IS QUITE CERTAIN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING SUCH A MEETING.

2. SINCE THE LAST DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GULF AND PINTZ, THE CONSULTANT FIRM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA HAS RENDERED NEW FINDINGS WHICH INDICATED THAT THERE WILL BE GREATER REVENUE

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THAN THAT ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED, NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE

POTENTIAL LARGER INTERNATIONAL MARKET, OF WHICH GULF IS AWARE.

3. PINTZ HAS PROMISED TO KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO THE VISIT OF GULF RESOURCES OFFICIALS PARTICULARLY IF IT TURNS OUT THAT ALLEN WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THEM. IN THAT EVENT HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY MAKING THE FORMAL REQUEST FOR A CALL BY ALLEN ON THE PRESIDENT.

COMMENT: WE STAND READY TO OBLIGE AND GIVE ALL ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO ALLEN AND/OR HOLT.
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